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Police make arrests in recent property crimes

Kaua'i police have arrested two men in separate incidents in the past week and are asking the public to remain vigilant in helping police to locate suspects involved in property crimes.

Shortly before midnight on Thursday, Feb. 25, police responded to a report of a man who was acting suspiciously in the Hanamā'ulu area. According to the caller, the man was pulling on vehicle door handles parked along the roadway, seemingly in an attempt to break in. A short time later, the man was reported to be located under a vehicle on Laukona Street.

Police responded and located 18-year-old Rickson Johnny of Līhu'e. Johnny was arrested and charged with first-degree Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle. He was released on \$1,000 bail while he awaits his trial set for June 6, 2016.

On Thursday, at approximately 2 p.m., police were heading north on Kūhiō Highway in Waipouli when they observed a suspect, Brandon Brown-Ho, who was wanted in connection with a property crime.

The crime occurred on February 15, when a suspect entered a residential property in Kīlauea. He broke into a storage shed and stole equipment belonging to the homeowner. Surveillance footage helped police to identify the suspect as Brandon Brown-Ho, age 31, of Kapa'a.

Detectives initiated an arrest when they observed Brown-Ho drive onto Hoi Road, behind the Kaua'i Village shopping center, on Thursday afternoon. He was taken into custody and booked for second-degree Burglary, second-degree Criminal Trespass, and second-degree Theft. Brown-Ho was arraigned Friday morning and subsequently transported to the Kaua'i Community Correction Center.

"In both arrests, community involvement was critical in locating the suspects and we are grateful for the information provided to us," stated Kaua'i Police Chief Darryl Perry. "While we realize there is more work to do in solving property crimes, we will continue to work together with the public in hopes of holding criminals responsible and more importantly, accountable for their unlawful acts."

The Kaua'i Police Department urges anyone who observes a crime or suspicious activity to call police immediately. Anyone with further information on these individuals is urged to call Police Dispatch at 241-1711. Those wishing to remain anonymous can call CrimeStoppers at 241-1887.



Above Photo: Rickson Johnny, age 18, of Līhu'e was arrested on Feb. 25 for first-degree Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle (UEMV).



Above Photo: Brandon Brown-Ho, age 31, of Kapa‘a, was arraigned Friday morning and transported to the Kaua‘i Community Correctional Center.

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